

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus for managing multimedia content, said apparatus comprising:

a processor;

an arrangement for supplying multimedia content;

an input interface for permitting a selection, for observation, of at least one of the following modes associated with the multimedia content: an audio portion that includes video; and a video portion that includes audio; and

an arrangement for annotating observations of a selected mode;

wherein said arrangement for annotating observations of a selected mode comprises:

an arrangement for assigning semantic, multimedia content-based labels to segments of said observations of a selected mode; and

an arrangement for storing said semantic, multimedia content-based labels with the multimedia content to support retrieval of a segment of said observations of a selected mode based upon its multimedia content;

wherein said arrangement for assigning semantic, multimedia content-based labels comprises performing at least one of:

selecting a label from a predefined set of multimedia content descriptors; and

assigning a new label not present in said pre-defined set of multimedia content descriptors.

2. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input interface permits the selection, for observation, of both of the following associated with the multimedia content: an audio portion that includes video; and a video portion that includes audio.

3. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input interface additionally permits the selection, for observation, of solely a video portion of multimedia content.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input interface additionally permits the selection, for observation, of solely an audio portion of multimedia content.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said arrangement for supplying multimedia content comprises a working memory which stores annotated multimedia files in an industry standard format.

6. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input interface is adapted to: first permit the selection of a multimedia file and then permit the selection of said at least one of: an audio portion simultaneously with video; and a video portion simultaneously with audio.

7. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a working memory for saving the annotated observations of a selected mode.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input interface is adapted to permit the selection, for observation, at least the following mode associated with the multimedia content: a video portion that includes audio.

9. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said input interface comprises:

an arrangement for permitting the selection, for observation, of a video mode of multimedia content; and

an arrangement for selectively adding audio to the video mode for observation.

10. (Previously Presented) A method of managing multimedia content, said method comprising the steps of:

supplying multimedia content;

permitting a selection, for observation, of at least one of the following modes associated with the multimedia content: an audio portion that includes video; and a video portion that includes audio; and

annotating observations of a selected mode;

wherein said arrangement for annotating observations of a selected mode comprises:

assigning semantic, multimedia content-based labels to segments of said observations of a selected mode; and

storing said semantic, multimedia content-based labels with the multimedia content to support retrieval of a segment of said observations of a selected mode based upon its multimedia content;

wherein said assigning semantic, multimedia content-based labels comprises performing at least one of:

selecting a label from a predefined set of multimedia content descriptors; and

assigning a new label not present in said pre-defined set of multimedia content descriptors.

11. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 10, wherein said step of permitting selection comprises permitting the selection, for observation, of both of the following associated with the multimedia content: an audio portion that includes video; and a video portion that includes audio.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to Claim 10, wherein said step of permitting selection additionally comprises permitting the selection, for observation, of solely a video portion of multimedia content.

13. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 10, wherein step of permitting selection comprises permitting the selection, for observation, of solely an audio portion of multimedia content.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to Claim 10, wherein said step of supplying multimedia content comprises providing a working memory which stores annotated multimedia files in an industry standard format.

15. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 10, wherein said step of permitting selection comprises: first permitting the selection of a multimedia file and then permitting the selection of said at least one of: an audio portion simultaneously with video; and a video portion simultaneously with audio.

16. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of providing a working memory for saving the annotated observations of a selected mode.

17. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 10, wherein said step of permitting selection comprises permitting the selection, for observation, at least the following mode associated with the multimedia content: a video portion that includes audio.

18. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 17, wherein said step of permitting selection comprises:

permitting the selection, for observation, of a video mode of multimedia content; and

thereafter enabling the addition of audio to the video mode for observation.

19. **(Previously Presented)** A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for managing multimedia content, said method comprising the steps of:

supplying multimedia content;

permitting a selection, for observation, of at least one of the following modes associated with the multimedia content: an audio portion that includes video; and a video portion that includes audio; and

annotating observations of a selected mode;

wherein said arrangement for annotating observations of a selected mode comprises:

assigning semantic, multimedia content-based labels to segments of said observations of a selected mode; and

storing said semantic, multimedia content-based labels with the multimedia content to support retrieval of a segment of said observations of a selected mode based upon its multimedia content;

wherein said assigning semantic, multimedia content-based labels comprises performing at least one of:

selecting a label from a predefined set of multimedia content descriptors; and

assigning a new label not present in said pre-defined set of multimedia content descriptors.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said industry standard format is MPEG-7.